

SENATE RESOLUTION 271
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A RESOLUTION to commend the staff of Angels in Flight,
Incorporated for their four years of honorable
and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those estimable organizations that have dedicated themselves to improving
the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Angels in Flight, Incorporated is one such estimable group that serves
several communities in Chattanooga and the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Angels in Flight, Inc. is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to deter
juvenile delinquency by providing tutoring and musical opportunities to disadvantaged youth and
adults; and

WHEREAS, operating under the premise that a collaborative effort between the
community, school systems, and federal, state, county, and city governments is the most
effective method for strengthening the youth of America, Angels in Flight is currently carrying
out its mission at the East Chattanooga Center, Washington Hills Center, Stoney Point in Soddy
Daisy, and Washington Alternative School; and

WHEREAS, over the past four years, Angels in Flight has utilized the various talents,
ideas, and resources of a wide array of groups to address the problems of low academic
performance in high school, high crime rates, climbing pregnancy rates, the lack of disease
control, and the lack of workforce skills; and

WHEREAS, the staff of Angels in Flight have touched the lives of many young people
with programs such as fall reading, math tutoring, NFL Youth Football camp, computer basics

training, summer music training seminars, summer rules of reading program, and preparation of gifts of needed items for low income individuals, as well as through after-school programs; and

WHEREAS, Angels in Flight also provides musical opportunities for the community through the 22 Vis'ionz vocal group; the members of this group write, produce, and perform their works for many community events and for the Oak Grove Center, AIDS victims, homeless families, area nursing homes, hospitals, and schools; and

WHEREAS, in order to even further positively impact the Chattanooga communities, Angels in Flight is beginning a new phase of industrial training programs which will convey the skills of music engineering and culinary arts; and

WHEREAS, President Russell Gilbert, Sr. and the staff of Angels in Flight, Incorporated have worked assiduously to advance their communities by providing invaluable programs to the youth of this State; and

WHEREAS, Russell Gilbert and the staff of Angels in Flight are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Russell Gilbert, Sr. and the staff of Angels in Flights, Incorporated for their four years of honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and extend to them our best wishes for every future success in their endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.